# JEROME WHACKS AT THEATRES

GOING AFTER INSPECTORS WHO PASSED LEW FIELDS'S.

(Hammerstein Built That One)-Gets the Insurance Rates: New Lyceum, S1. on \$1,000; Victoria, \$5.20 (Hammerstein's) -Few Satisfy the Underwriters.

Some of the information gathered by District Attorney Jerome since he began. about two months ago, to investigate how closely the theatres of the city conformed to the building and fire department laws became known yesterday when it was learned that he had sent a letter to Isaac A. Hopper, Superintendent of Buildings, asking for a report on the Lew Fields theatre in West Forty-second street. Mr. Jerome's expert, Harry de B. Parsons, was not admitted to the Fields theatre or the Victoria, both of which were built by Oscar Hammerstein.

In his letter to Mr. Hopper Mr. Jerome names twenty-two specifications of what. he says, Mr. Parsons understands are violations of the law at the Fields theatre. If these violations exist, Mr. Jerome says, they constitute crimes and it is his duty to prosecute. He asks for the name of the inspector who made the last report, any other reports Mr. Hopper may have and the names of the inspectors who made them. Mr. Jerome expects an answer in a

With the letter to Mr. Hopper Mr. Jerome sent a list made by Mr. Parsons of the violations he understands exist. They include: Aisles not of the proper width, doors intended as exits and opening on stairways, box office obstructs the entrance, doors of the first gallery open inward, electroliers too low, dressing rooms under auditorium, and not built under the plan approved, registers in floor of the auditorium, excess of seats between aisles and nine right angle turns from the balcony to the entrance.

When Mr. Jerome has completed his investigation-he has collected a mass of evidence already-it is understood that he will ask the Grand Jury to act. So far Mr. Parsons has made reports on six theatres which he was allowed to inspect. He classifies them as follows

One, "not safe"; three, "dangerous"; one "hazardous, small seating capacity in its favor"; one, "reasonably safe, because of modern construction." Mr. Jeroma refused to give the names of these theatres.

"The investigation is not ended," he said; "it has just begun. I have from the Board of Fire Underwriters a table showing the rate of insurance risk on each theatre and the reports of their examiners." The examiners report that thirty-five of the theatres in Manhattan and The Bronx are not of fireproof construction. In eight buildings the walls are not ap-

In twenty-eight the proscenium walls are not approved.

In thirty-one the fire doors in the open ing of the proscenium walls are not ap-

In the following number of theatres the things named are not approved: 31, asbestos curtains; 30, skylights; 42, dressing rooms; 30, electricians' room; 30, carpenter's shop; 39, property room; 34, standpipe and hose; 24, watchman's system and fire alarm system; 32, fire axes, hooks and other fire equipment; 6, electrical equipment: 35, the fire automatic sprinkler or its absence.

\*simply show the value the underwriters put on the theatres as a fire risk. There is no sentiment, political or otherwise, with them. Now, for instance, this report shows that the lowest rate is \$1 on the \$1,000 on the New Lyceum. Next to that comes the Lyric, with the rate fixed at \$1.15. The highest is the Victoria ( sammerstein's), at \$5.20. The report says that the last inpection was on Oct. 2, 1903, but it is natural o assume that if any remedies had been applied that would go to lesson the insurance reinspection would be called for. In the New Lyceum and pric, for instance, all of the things that are 'not approve.' in many of the theatres are appr ved. The rate for the Fields Theatre is \$2.47, and the report shows that the underwriters disap rove of

m ny things in the th atre. 'In addition there are several things that are not considered as a fire risk—such as aisle space, sufficient exits, &c. There is one theatre [reading from another typewritten document| where the beams and floor are of wood. In another the gallery is of wood. In another case one theatre is built over another, the two being connected by elevators. In another the heating apparatus is unsafe. In another the walls of an old apartment house are being used. Another is an old building remodelled, the walls never having been intended to stand the strain of a theatre. In another the proscenium wall does not start from the floor, but from the stage level. Between the floor and the stage floor there is an open

\*In one theatre the Building Depart ment required the dressing rooms under the stage to be fireproof. (It is against the rules of the Building Department to have dressing rooms under the stage at all.) Then the Health Department came along and cut holes in the top of the dressing rooms, so that the occupants would have air. Of course, that made a fine draught. The Fire Department required the installation of a certain pump for water purposes The Water Department refused to supply enough water pressure, so the pump was

'In several theatres the boilers are under the exits. That's a nice thing in case of an explosion. What would happen to the exits? In another theatre the gas metre is in the boiler room. I should think a better place could be found for it. In one of the theatres examined by my men there was an iron fire escape from the balcony. On the fire escape was a ladder to be used to get to the street. The ladder was tied to the top of the fire escape with stout hemp cord. There was a rusty knife handy. My men reported that a strong man might be able to cut the cord with the knife, but it wouldn't have been much good in time of a panic

'In a general way Mr. Parsons reports that there is a lack of supervision in the theatres. Old programmes, papers and rubbish are stored in places where they would do a great deal of harm. While these things might not be the means of starting a serious fire, it is not always a serious fire that does the most damage. A panic from

TOUR TO SEE WASHINGTON. mincipal points of interest at the National Cap-March 23, via Pennsylvania Railroad. Three trip. Rate, \$12.00 or \$14.50, according to hotel ted.—A65.

smoke alone is more apt to happen and while TWOBUMPS FOR SUBWAY TRAIN there would be no serious damage to the theatre there might be great loss of life. Mr. Parsons also says that the electrical installation is generally poor, the apparatus for fighting fire poorly placed, in some theatres so badly that in case of panic an attendant wouldn't be able to get to it in time to do any good. The aisles are also too narrow and the exit lights are badly

"By the way," concluded Mr. Jerome picking up another typewritten wad, "I have here a curious document, interesting n its wide bearing on human nature. It is from the Republican Club-a report of its committee on city affairs. The club offers me any further assistance it can give. The club discovered that one or more theatres were violating the law, but in order that it should be brought home to public officials (I read from the club's letter) the club's committee directed its attention to one theatre, owned or partly owned by Timothy D. Sullivan, a Democrat I believe. The club finds that it is the duty of the District Attorney, Police Department, Building Department and Fire Department to see that the owners of this theatre are prevented from running the building either as a theatre or music hall. Certainly this hearty cooperation is most commendable, and attention is being given to this theatre, but the District Attorney cannot devote his time exclusively to this one theatre. The theatre is at 126 to 130 East Fourteenth street. That's the Dewey

Theatre, I think." Among other things Oscar Hammerstein said last night: "I don't care what Jerome says or does. The Lew Fields theatre is all right. If Mr. Jerome can show me one violation of the law, let alone twenty-two, I will apologize and retract all the things I have said about him.

When told what the District Attorney said about the fire risk on the Victoria, Oscar could hardly restrain himself. Swinging his arms, he said:

"The best proof of how safe I think the Victoria Theatre is is the fact that I only carry \$25,000 insurance on the entire build-There are a dozen theatres in this city that carry a higher fire risk percentage than the Victoria. It is the safest theatre in New York. In the first place there is There is no no excavation beneath it. cellar under either the auditorium or the stage. The Lew Fields Theatre is also one of the safest theatres in the world. I only carry \$30,000 insurance on it."

## GETS VANDERBILT TWIN HOUSE?

H. C. Frick Said to Have Rented George W.'s Mansion for a New York Residence. It was reported from Pittsburg yesterday that Henry C. Frick, the steel magnate,

has rented the George W. Vanderbilt mansion, on the northwest corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-first street, and that Mr. Frick and his family are to take up their residence here after they return from Europe next fall. Mr. Frick, it is said, will maintain his office and home in Pittsburg, going there once or twice a month, but spens most of his time here in order to give most States Steel and other corporations.

Mr. Frick is staying at Sherry's at present

He declined yesterday to discuss the report that he had rented one of the Vanderbilt "It may be that such negotiations are un-

der way." he said, "but I do not care to discuss the matter.

Some of his friends who heard the report did not deny it, but were unwilling to discuss it. George W. Vanderbilt is at his pied his Fifth avenue home for some time and it has been said recently that he intended giving up his residence in this city. The Vanderbilt twin houses were built

by the late William H. Vanderbilt and were completed in 1881. The Fifty-second street corner is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William D. Sloane. Mr. Sloane wouldn't say last night whether or not he had heard that Mr. Frick was to become his neighbor.

About a year ago George W. Vanderbilt had a dispute with the city officials over his portico, which extended over the building line. Borough President Cantor took the case to the courts and Mr. Vanderbilt had to remove the portico. He hasn't occupied the house since.

#### TWO COPS STOP RUNAWAY. One Chases Delivery Wagon Down 5th Ave.

and the Other Heads It Off. There was an exciting chase of a runaway down Fifth avenue at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. A big black horse attached to a delivery wagon of the Deerfoot Farm Company of 56 Laight street took fright outside the Murray Hill Hotel and ran west through Forty-first street to Fifth avenue, where it turned south among the crowded vehicles. Mounted Policeman Lobdell saw the commotion half a block away and dashed in pursuit.

His horse slipped and slid and struck His horse slipped and slid and struck fire at every jump on the asphalt, slippery with the rain and sleet. It took six blocks for him to overtake and close in on the runaway, which just missed several carriages in its flight. Just as Lobdell had swerved in to grab the bridle, at Thirty-fifth street, risking a fall for himself and his horse in order to save the tangle of vehicles around the Waldorf-Astoria, Policeman Thomas Nihill on duty at the street crossing waved him aside and jumped for the horse's head. Nihill was dragged for twenty-five feet, and Lobdell reined in his horse till it slid on its haunches. Both policeman were at the horse's head when it finally came to a stop. finally came to a stop.

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It was such a pretty exhibition of team work that the passengers on a Fifth avenue stage stood up and applauded.

Joseph Allen, the driver of the delivery wagon, came running up on foot a few moments later. He said that his horse was timel and that it had never run away. timid and that it had never run away

#### THAWED MANHOLE COVER Drops the Hind Legs of Two Horses in

Succession Out of Sight. A team of bays attached to an empty brougham was trotting along Columbus avenue last night when, in front of 282, the outfit stopped like a shot.

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"The nigh horse is down," sighed Mike Lyman, the driver.

"No." cried a cop from the sidewalk, "his legs has dropped off."

Both were wrong. A manhole, its cover disappearing at the touch of a hoof, had swallowed the bay's hind quarters. Willing hands brought planks and the legs were brought to the surface. Then the other horse, seemingly jealous, dropped his hind quarters in, and the whole performance had to be repeated.

When at last Mike and the bays started for the stables of Frank Totten of 123 West Eighty-ninth street the warm cop shook

Fighty-ninth street the warm cop shook his head. "It's like them Harlem tinimints," he said. "They niver should cast manhole covers while the iron is froza."

LOT OF PEOPLE CUT AND BRUISED IN BRONX MIX-UP.

'We're Getting the Evening Jar Habit," Said They, and Skipped Third Rail -Lots of Green Fire-Live Train Hit Dead One and Was Hit by One Behind.

A six car subway train was standing on the northbound track at 176th street about 5:30 P. M. yesterday, waiting to go into the lay-up track for the night. Nobody was aboard but the motorman. Along came another six car train, with fifty passengers, bound north. The motorman of this one, Fred Cole of 100 East 129th street, was supposed to stop about 100 feet south of the "dead" train and wait until it entered the centre track.

Cole says the rails were wet and that the brakes failed to work. However that may be, there was a collision. Cole saw it coming and left his post, running through the car, blowing his whistle and telling the dozen passengers to run for their lives, A majority of them took his advice and were in the second car when the crash came. The train was going about four miles an hour, and it smashed its own vestibule and that of the train ahead. The passengers were thrown to the floor and showered with broken glass.

Just as they scrambled to their feet and tarted for the doors there was another and more serious shock. A third train, with no pass ngers abo rd, whose motorman's excuse was not available last night. had tumped Co.e's train, driving it once more into the "dead" train, tearing to flinders what was left of the vestibules and tippi g t e motor car of thes cead" train on its side.

The fallen car brok; the third r il and ome ties. Then there was a great electrical displa", green light floring high enough to bring cops and others scurrying rom afar. The wires of the Uni n Railway (ompany, which are carried in the ele ated structure, got coing business with each ther, and the switchboards in the company's stable hard by vied with one another in fir works.

All this time there was panic aboard the two trains, particularly the one caught

in the mid le. George Williams of 2082 Honeywell avenue, who had kept his cross seat in the first car of the middle train, was bounced from one rattan seat back to another by the second jar and came to the ground with a sprained knee and a badly bruised

Miss Annie Duffy, 28 years old, of 240 East Forty-eighth street, cut her face on the floor and fainted from the shock.

Robert Nolan of 2798 East 177th street, who has a false leg, was thrown to the floor. He was bruised and the leg was damaged. In the train behind, Mathias Menchin of Eastchester and Pelham roads got a cut eye and a sprained shoulder. Fifteen or twenty other passengers were

the rain of glass from the broken windows. All were in a state of terror, fearing that more trains were running wild in the rear and that the next bump might knock them off the structure. They ran to the gates, and, in spite of warnings from the policemen on the plaforms, opened them and umped to the tracks, braved the third rail and were belped to the platform.

None of the injured would accept an offer to be taken to Fordham Hospital. seriously hurt went to Miller's drug store for temporary treatment. One man who was so badly bruised that he could not walk, but who refused to give family in West Farms was asked to send for him.

"Don't worry about me," he said to those who asked his name. "I'm used to this sort of thing. This collision business is getting to be a habit with me. Pretty soon I won't be able to eat supper unless

I've had my evening jar." The same spirit was shown by several men and women whom the cops warned about crossing the tracks from the wreck. "We've done it before," they protested,

and we're getting to be experts. Most of them refused to give their names and many bandaged their own wounds. Two men who jumped out of a window of the second train had quite a time with cut

Patrolmen William and Reiss of the Trenont station, when they had seen all the passengers safely to the platform. tried to get some one to make a complaint, but none was made and there were no arrests. It was said that Cole and John Hickmann, the motorman of the second train, were both green. They were not injured.

No one looked for the motorman of the lay-up train, as it was said that his lights were all right and that he had a right to be where he was. The terminal of the East Side subway extension is 180th street, but the trains lay up at night on the ceptre track near 176th street.

The wreck caused a blockade as far south as Westchester avenue until 8 o'clock, although the despatcher arranged for a limited use of the southbound track.

Cole's excuse that the rails were wet and that the air brakes refused to work is the excuse that has been given for most of the wrecks that have enlivened Bronx traffic during the last few weeks.

## ACCUSES SALVATION ARMY.

Ballington Booth Says It Steals Money Intended for the Volunteers.

Madison, Wis., March 21.-Gen. Balling ton Booth, who spoke here on Monday night, discovered this morning that the glass globe which served as a collection box for the Volunteers' fund had been removed from the desk in the Avenue Hctel by the Salvation Army and the money transferred to the box which they left on the hotel desk. The clerk of the hotel was a witness to the proceedings, but did not understand their significance.

Gen. Booth says that thousands of dollars which are intended for the Volunteers of America are stolen in this way by

"I am the son of my father," he said, but there all connection between the Volunteers of America and the Salvation Army ends. Some people would swear out a warrant in a case like this, but I feel that I can afford to look upon it as part of the injustice I receive from the Salvation Army. If the Salvation Army can afford to take the few coins which it obtains from these collection boxes in this way, I simply protest. \*

The peculiar feature of Bohn's Lazatives. They give perfect relief without discomforts.-Ads.

ATHLETIC CLUB FOR WOMEN. ROCKEFELLER TICKET BEATEN. Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Miss Barney and

Others to Have One Like Men's. The Colony Club, organized for social purposes and to encourage athletics among women in society, was incorporated at Albany yesterday. The trustees include Mrs. Borden Harriman, Mrs. Richard Irvin, Mrs. John Jacob Astor and Miss Helen T. Barney.

The club bought, about a year ago, the property at 120, 122 and 124 Madison avenue, and plans have been completed by McKim, Mead & White for a clubbouse

One of the purposes of the club is to accommodate members who wish to spend a day or two in town when their city homes are closed. For that reason a site near the Grand Central Station and convenient to the Thirty-fourth street ferry was selected.

The club is to have a lounging room, reading room, library, swimming pool, dressing rooms, Turkish and Russian baths everything in fact that goes to make up a well equipped men's club.

#### ALDERMAN COUGHED UP. Gaffney's the Man and "Old Gus" Is \$500

Richer-Third Avenue Pearl Find. Alderman James Gaffney, feeling gay and hungry, led a party of his friends into Still's oyster house, at 195 Third avenue, last Monday night and demanded food. The Alderman himself had no use for oysters, but ordered chops and tea. He was

his friend Still's famous bivalves. Gaffney had eaten two and started on the third when he began to choke so violently that his friends pounded him vigorously on the back. Their efforts were successful and the Alderman coughed up a large pearl. He didn't recognize the pearl in its native state and passed it over to "Old Gus," the head waiter, with the remark that he supposed anything he couldn't eat be-

longed to the house. Sergt. Place being well acquainted with pearls, in natural and other states, from his long service in the Tenderloin, insisted that the queer looking object was of great value. He was corroborated by Henry Janfer, a jeweller, who entered during the discussion and declared that the pearl

was a very fine one and worth over \$500. "Old Gus" says it is the biggest tip that he ever received.

HE'S THE MURDERER, SAID WIFE Man Accused of Throwing His Little Boy Out of the Window-Boy May Die.

Policeman Gnotosky was standing in front of 477 Third avenue last night when he heard a thud on an awning above his head and looked up to see a small boy roll off and fall to the pavement, where he lay apparently dead. Gnotosky picked the little fellow up and carried him to a drug store. He was followed soon after by Mrs. Bessie Rehill and her husband James. The woman looked once at the boy and then turned on the man.

"He is the murderer," she eried; "he threw little Jamie out of the window. He said he'd kill him.'

The policeman quieted the woman. Then she told him that her husband had been drinking during the afternoon and became so violent that she had sent her little boy. Jamie, 6 years old, to call a policeman Before the officer arrived Rehill had left the house. He returned about 9 o'clock and seeing the boy standing by the window had thrown him out, she said.

Rebill was locked up in the East Thirty fifth street police station. was sent to Bellevue, where the doctors said that a broken arm and probably a his name, was carried to Miller's and his fracture of the skull left him small chance

# NEW ISLAND RISES FOR JAPAN. BEEF TRUST INQUIRY HALTS.

One Nearly Three Miles in Circumference Volcanically Thrown Up. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN

LONDON, March 22 .- The Tokio corre spondent of the Telegraph says that a new island was volcanically thrown up in December three miles south of Iwo Island. southern Japan. The phenomenon was preceded by deep rumbling and vast clouds of smoke which ascended from the sea.

A little peak appeared amid the clouds of smoke on Dec. 5. It gradually rose, its outline changing daily. From time to time immense volumes of smoke poured out of the highest point.

Ten of the :wo islanders went in a canoe on Feb. 2 to explore the new island. They found it was two and three-quarter miles in circumference and 480 feet high. There was a boiling lake on the north side. On the south side were precipitous cliffs of

The party landed and planted the Japanese flag, and wrote the inscription: "A new place, Great Japan. Many banzais." The Governor of Bonin Island named the new island Nushima and reported the

#### POPULAR RULE ABOLISHED. City of Houston, Tex., Put in the Hands of a Commission of Five.

NEW OBLEANS, March 21 .- The Governor of Texas has signed a bill which places Houston in the hands of a commission. legislating out of office all the officials who were elected at the last general election and giving all the municipal power to a commission of five men. The head of this commission has full power of appointing and removing all officials, and the city government is to be operated like a bank or other private corporation.

The success of the commission appointed to govern Galveston after the great storm which nearly destroyed that town five years ago has been so complete that its neighbor, Houston, has been seeking similar government. It has only been in the last few weeks that the subsidence of the popular opposition to a surrender of all control of the government has rendered the passage of the law possible. The action was finally taken because of the large bonded debt of Houston. The lack of sufficient revenues rendered the administration of the munic.pality on a democratic and popular basis unsatisfactory if not impossible. The change of the government to a com-

mission had the support of nearly all the taxpayers and business interests, as op-posed to the political element. Mrs. Langtry a Grandmother. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, March 21 .- Mrs. Lily Langtry is

Ian Malcolm, gave birth to-day to a boy. Quickest Line to Cleveland.

Leave New York 5:32 P. M., arrive Cleveland 7:15 next morning, Cincianati 1:30 P. M., Indianapolis 2:00 P. M., St. Louis 9:45 P. M., by New York Central. Fine service. No szosse fare.—Ads.

now a grandmother. Her daughter, Mrs.

OPPOSITION CARRIES NORTH TARRYTOWN BY 148 VOTES.

The "Free and Independents," Including Italians and Negroes on Rockefeller Estates. Rode in State to Polls-New President a Butcher-In Other Towns.

TARBYTOWN, N. Y., March 21 .- The Rockefeller ticket was defeated to-day in the effort to carry the village election of North Tarrytown against the Citizens' ticket, headed by John Wirth, a young butcher, for Village President. Wirth won by 148 votes over Warren J. Stoddard, a former trustee of the village.

This result is unprecedented in the history f North Tarrytown, in which the Rockefellers own extensive properties. The Rockefeller ticket was headed "The People's Party," and had for its em-

blem above the circle a large rooster. The Citizens' ticket had for its emblem a safe, and young Mr. Wirth declared to-night: "I shall lock the rooster up in my safe. The Rockefeller candidate got the votes where the chicken got the axe." All along Mr. Wirth was confident of

success and his friends made large wagers that he would win. Despite the heavy downpour of rain the fight brought out the largest vote in the history of the village. In all, 933 votes were cast. Among the other nominees on the Wirth ticket who overruled by Sergt. Charles Place of the won out were Henry Madden, a mason Tenderloin, who insisted that Gaffney try Irving J. Revere, a carpenter; and John Eagon, a mason, who were chosen trustees, and E. Farrington for treasurer.

About 300 "Dagoes," us the workers called them, and negroes vote I from the Rockefeller domain. Many of the Italians are employed on J hn D. Rockefeller's place in building roads, beautifying his park and constructing a new reservoir on Buttermilk The Italians and negr es from the Rockefeller estates we e brought to the poll in all ki ds of traps. Some o' the Italians ro e in stages, while others enjoyed their first ride in an automobile.

The anti-Rockefeller faction workers had steam carriages to bring their friends to the rolling place.

With a view to influencing the voters both factions had circulars scattered broadcast. The Rockefeller circulars proclaimed that the candidates stood for low taxes and reforms and set forth that the past administration of the People's party had been an unqualified success.

Young r. Wirth proved imself a vote etter, and 'e was assisted by Michael Martin, the ass seor who jacked up the assessment of John D. ckefeller more than \$500,000 a few years ago, which caused one of the biggest fights in the courts that North Tarrytown ever had to contest, as Rockefelle refused to pay the high tax s.

In other villages in Westchester county the Republicans were generally successful In Pleasantville, the Democratic stronghold of the Harlem Valley, Charles Lane, the Republican under sheriff, defeated William H. Bell, Democrat, for village president by 155 plurality. North Pelham, also a Democratic village, reclected William Edinger, Republican, president.

Peekskill and Ossining have elected Republican village officers by large pluralities. In Pelham Manor Frederick Allen, a wealthy clubman, chairman of the Democratic county committee, was elected president without opposition. Other village presidents elected without opposition or on united tickets were Isaac W. Turner, known at Mount Kisco, Charles Eldridge at Rye, Daniel Warren at Mamaroneck, A. Searles at Pelham and Ellis W. Gladwin of the

# Federal Grand Jury in Chleago Not Com-

pleted-Case to Begin To-day. CHICAGO, March 21.-Delay in impanel'ing the full quota of Grand Jurymen post poned until to-morrow the real start in the Government's investigation of the so-called beef trust. Inability of the deputy marshal to find all the venire men for whom writs were issued and excuses for illness and other causes are assigned for the slow

progress made in completing the panel. The venire of Monday having been exhausted with the addition of only five more names to the roll of the Grand Jury, Judge Humphrey found it necessary to order another drawing. Sixteen constitutes a quorum in Federal Grand Juries, but it is the desire of the Court to have a full complement of twenty-three men. Twenty urors have so far been accepted.

Second Assistant District Attorney Morrison was to-day appointed District Attorney to fill the place vacated by Solomon H. Bethea, elevated to the bench of the district court.

### TRAIN WRECKERS IN IOWA. Recky Mountain Limited, on the Rock

Island, Ditched Near Hemestead. DES MOINES, Ia., March 21.-Unknown men removed bolts and spikes from the Rock Island Railroad near Homestead and wrecked the Rocky Mountain Limited early to-day. The accident injured six trainmen and a passenger, and did \$25,000 damage to the train. Three of the trainmen are hurt mortally. Secret Service men have been

summoned to the scene The train, consisting of three coaches two sleepers, express and baggage cars, went into a forty-foot ditch a mile west of Homestead. Only the rear car remained n the track, and the injured were taken in it to Iowa City. No attempt was made to rob passengers or the express car, which was heavily loaded, the robbers evidently having been frightened away when they saw how serious their work had been.

#### \$650 A SQUARE FOOT. Record Price for City Land Paid for Part

of the Seligman New Bank Site. Isaac N. Seligman has bought the small block front on the south side of Winiam street, between South William and Stone streets, opposite the Cotton Exchange. It is understood that a handsome building, imited to a few stories in height, will be erected on the plot for the exclusive use of the banking house of J. & W. Seligman &

The site comprises 5,660 square feet, and was purchased through Douglas Robinson, Charles S. Brown & Co. It cost about \$500,000. The larger part was obtained from Austen G. Fox, who bought it recently from the Dowsnap estate.

A diminutive lot of only 100 square feet, at the corner of William and South Wil-

liam streets, was owned by clients of Ander son, Pendleton & Anderson. It is said to have brought about \$100,000, or about \$650 a square foot. This would be the record price known to have been paid for land in

#### BOMB THROWN, EIGHT KILLED. Another Outrage in Warsaw-Police Official at Lodz Shot.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. WARSAW, March 21 .- A bomb was thrown to-night from a window into a patrol of hussars who were passing. Eight man were killed and several wounded. The

man who threw the bomb cannot be found. Long, Russian Poland, March 21 .- A police official of the name of Mosgunoff was severely wounded on the street here to-day by revolver shots. The persons who did the shooting escaped.

#### SPRING A-SNEEZING

# And a Freezing, and Hallt Diphtherial

Mildness, Hall! The sun has crossed the line and now the weather may be vernal; that is, if no more cyclones come, like yesterday's, to spurn all efforts of the spring to come as per the classic rhymers. (Perhaps there was a spring in those days of the good old timers!) But this spring sprang a fearful leak from clouded dome supernal, and weather that should be divine might be declared infernal; entirely too much chilliness, nocturnal and diurnal, which prompted many citizens to take, for woes external, the ancient spring reviver of the old Ken-

tucky Colonel. The mercury fell down the tube a point below the freezing, and Spring herself might be excused for shivering and sneez-The wind, a brisk northeaster, howled, the sky was dark and solemn, and chills chased one another up and down the spinal

O hail, diphtherial mildness, hail, and rain and snow-and blossom! Perhaps the spring has really come and may be playing

#### FOOT OF SNOW UPSTATE. Fears of a Freshet in the Upper Hudson

SARATOGA, N. Y., March 21 .- A snow storm began at 9 o'clock this morning. It has already reenforced by almost a foot the accumulation of the winter. A sudden thaw would involve heavy floods on the upper Hudson River and its tributaries. The mercury to-day has been near the

and Mohawk Valleys.

freezing point. FUNDA, N. Y., March 21 .- A foot of wet snow has fallen in the Mohawk Valley to-day, and to-night it is raining. There are fears of a heavy freshet in the valley if the weather turns warm within the next wenty-four hours.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., March 21 .- A snowstorm started early this morning and has continued all day. To-night the town is buried under several inches of snow.

#### EIGHT DEAD FROM A TORNADO. First Storm of the Kind This Year Hits

Doublehead, Ala., Severely. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 21 .- A tornado struck Doublehead, Chambers county, last night, and several houses were blown down. Richard Havnes, a well known farmer, and a little white girl and six negroes are among the dead, while a score of both whites and

blacks are injured. This is the first tornado reported this year in Alabama. A late report from the neighborhood of Doublehead says that the list of dead may go up to twelve. The houses in the path of the tornado were smashed in a jiffy, the occupants of the buildings being hardly aware of what was

# MUST PROVE ANGLESEY'S DEATH.

happening.

Insurance Companies Demand an Examination of the Body in London Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN London, March 22.-The Daily Mail

glesey, who died a few days ago at Monte Carlo, is on its way to England. The coffin will be detained in London and opened so that the body may be identified. This is insisted upon by the insurance companies in which the life of the Marquis was heavily insured on behalf of his credi-tors. The latter will be represented at the examination. The Marquis's solicitors and

# others must swear to the identity of the

VANDERBILT SHOW RING.

Ground Broken on Reginald's Farm Near Newport for a Horse Displaying Place. NEWPORT, R. I., March 21.-Ground was broken to-day at Sandy Point farm, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt, for the private show ring for horses, which Mr. Vanderbilt has planned. Work on it will be pushed so that it will be ready for use when the summer season arrives. The show ring will be 240 feet long by 140 feet wide. Outside of the ring there will be several stalls, while on one side there

will be an observation balcony capable of seating 100 persons. The ring is being built on a prominence on the farm from which a fine view of the ocean can be had. With the building of this ring it is possible that society during the coming season will hold a society circus, a feature which has been talked of in the past, but abandoned because of the lack

#### of a proper place to hold it. WAVES 60 FEET HIGH

Shut Out the Herizon in All Directions From Capt. Magin's \$5-Foot Bridge. Capt. Magin, who is Teutonic, despite a suggestion of the Celt in his name, brought the good Hamburg-American ship Patricia into port from Hamburg, Dover and Boulogne yesterday, after a dispute of nearly sixteen days with the loftiest seas on record in the Atlantic, at least sixty feet high. The captain said:

\*From the bridge, which is fifty-five feet above the water line, I was unable to look over the crests of the biggest seas when the ship was in the trough. To the northwest and southeast the horizon was completely shut out by the tops of the great, rolling waves.

A committee of 150 cabin passengers who got glimpses of the giant waves, or felt them tumbling the ship, signed a testimonial saying that they appreciated and returned thanks for the imperturbable calmness and uninterrupted courtesy which ever, during a series of storms of unexampled severity, marked the conduct of all those on board connected with the Hamburg-American Line's service. burg-American Line's service

OLD POINT COMFORT AND THE SOUTH. Attractive six-day outing to Old Point Comfort Richmond and Weshington. March 23, via Pennsyl vania Ralirosad. Rate \$30.00 covers necessary ex penases. Special Old Point Comfort only rate \$17.00

# SHARP TALK TO VENEZUELA.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1908. Partly cloudy to-day; fair and warmer in the interior to-morrow.

> CASTRO TOLD THAT HE MUST AR-BITRATE ASPHALT CASE.

> His Plan to Set Germany and England Against Other Foreign Claimants Headed Off by Our Prompt Action -Castre Anxious for Bowen's Recall.

WASHINGTON, March 21,-The Venezuelan situation is more badly muddled than ever, but there is still plenty of reason to hope that the difficulties in which President Castro has become involved with the United States and other nations will be adjusted without resort to measures of a radical character.

At the same time there has been no indication from Castro that he intends to change, his policy toward more powerful governments, and the conditions are such that a clash may come unless they are soon remedied.

H. W. Bowen, the United States Minister at Caracas, who is at swords' points personally and officially with Castro, has notified the State Department that in accordance with instructions mailed to him ten days ago he has informed the Venezuelan Government that unless it will consent to arbitrate the asphalt lake controversy, in which the Department represents the New York and Bermudez Company, the United States will feel obliged to take its own course in bringing the issue to a settlement.

This is pretty stiff language, from a diplomatic standpoint, but it is asserted by officials that it must not be regarded as in the light of an ultimatum. The President, it is declared, is anxious to avoid trouble with Castro if this can be done with honor, and it is said, also, that he regards the present time as inopportune for any foreign complications, even with a nation as insignificant as Venezuela, with Secretary Hay out of the country and Mr. Roosevelt himself about to leave Washington for almost if not quite two months. The instructions upon which Mr. Bowen

based his very significant notification to the Venezuelan Government were the immediate outcome of an opinion by Attornev-General Moody that the circumstances attending the decision of the Venezuelan High Court against the New York and Bermudez company amounted to a denial The Government learned to-day that

Castro had made a move which prominent officials interpret as part of a plan to escape possible punitive measures by playing one group of his national creditors against the other. This move was the perfection of an arrangement by which Castro agreed to legalize bonds issued by previous Venezuelan administrations and to secure their payment through setting aside 50 per cent, of the customs revenues of all Venezuelan ports except La Guay a and Puerto Cabello.

These bonds were issued by the Venezuelan Government in times of political troubles and were of the "wildcat" ander. Most of them fell into the hands of British and German capitalists, who have been pressing through their governments for redemption. Heretofore Castro has declined to recognize the validity of these obligations. That he has now done so, through his agent, Senor Velutini, and provided means of redeeming them by pledging one-half the revenues of nearly every Venezuelan port is regarded' as a

shrewd move. Under the terms of the protocols arranged in Washington by Minister Bowen and against Venezuela, 30 per cent, of the revenues of the ports of La Guzyra and Puerto Cabello were to be set aside for the purpose of liquidating these claims. With 50 per cent, of all the other customs revenues of the country pledged, barely enough income would be obtained to pay the running ex-

penses of the Government. says that the body of the Marquis of An-And therein lies the adroitness of Castro's scheme, as it is interpreted here. Should France, Holland and other nations which have outs anding claims against Venezuela attempt to secure payment by seizing Venezuelan customs houses they would run counter to the arrangement by which one-half of the revenues of these customs houses were pledged to redeem the bonds held by British and German subjects.

Naturally, ac ording to war the thing may have been viewed by Castro. the Governments of Great Britain and Germany would insist that their creditor subjects had a prior claim. The bonds legalized by astro amo nt in American gold to about \$26,000,000, and could not be redee red under he 50 per cent. agreement for many years

It is obvious, therefore, that with England

and Germany interested in preventing

the seizure of \enezuel.n custom houses

France determined that the concession of the French Cable Company shall not be annulled, Italy angry over the seizure of the mines under lease to Italian subjects, the United States irritated at Castro's attitude in the asphalt case and Holland and Belgium pressing for the payment of claims the Venezuelan situation is complicated, embarrassing and full of danger. Gratification is expressed here over Minister Bowen's prompt action in carrying out his instructions to notify the Venezuelan Government that unless arbitration of the asphalt and other cases was agreed to the United States would pursue its own course. By making this declaration before official announcement of the British-German bond deal, the American Government has preserved its right to object to that arrangement if it should be regarded as a means of preventing the United States from taking measures to secure satisfac-

tion against Venezuela. Just what the State Department meant by its declaration has not been disclosed; indeed, there is a suspicion that no plan of future action has been agreed upon. The probable course followed should Castro ignore the American warning would be the withdrawal of Minister Bowen and the severance of diplomatic relations, which, however, would not necessarily

mean the beginning of hostilities In withdrawing Mr. Bowen under these circumstances the Government would save itself and Mr. Bowen the embarrassment of acknowledging that the latter had been At the present time the relations between

Castro and Bowen are so strained and the Venezuelan President is so openly anxious to have Mr. Bowen leave Caracas that the recall of the latter would be regarded by Castro as not only a personal victory but a sign of weakness on the part of the

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